

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Regrets the Death of Mrs. Albert Hoffman—She Talks of the Wedding Plans of Miss Martin and Mr. Fox

I MUST say I was greatly shocked yesterday to hear of Leta Sullivan Hoffman's death. It must be a great sorrow to her family. She and Mr. Hoffman had been married just a little more than a year, and their little son was born on August 16. I heard that she was delighted with her baby and was getting along so well, and then the news came that she had a sudden attack of heart failure and had died in almost a few minutes. Mrs. Sullivan and Frances were staying there in Greenwich, but Leta was at the hospital still. I have not heard if they were with her or were able to get there in time. Nor have I heard whether her husband was with her at the time either. I hope so, for his sake.

They were perfectly devoted to each other and so happy in their married life, though Leta had not been at all strong. I suppose there must have been some heart weakness. It's hard to tell when these unexpected things happen just what the cause is.

It makes me think of the time Violet Whelan died. Her little son was ten days old, and Violet was apparently well and getting strong, when a sudden weakness came on and she was dead before the doctor could get there. An odd coincidence about that is that Mrs. Sullivan, Leta's mother, and Violet Whelan's mother, the late Mrs. Charles Whelan, were great friends.

Leta was the James Francis Sullivan's second daughter. Frances is a little older and, after Leta, who, by the way, was named for her aunt, Mrs. Clews, who died just two weeks ago today, there is Livingston, while Elaine, the youngest daughter, is still at school.

I feel so sorry for her parents and husband and the little motherless boy!

I HEAR Emily Fox is going to be a bridesmaid at the wedding of her brother, Joe, to Ruth Martin, which is to take place on Saturday, the 4th of October, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Mount Washington, just outside of Baltimore.

Ruth is to have a great number of bridesmaids, and I do think that makes such a pretty wedding party, don't you? Anne Martin, her sister, is to be maid of honor, and the other bridesmaids are Lucy Lord, of New York; Mary Cummings, of Augustus, Ga.; Marion Shriver, of Westminister, Ky.; Mary Bruce Kinsolving, Sophie Stewart, Dorothy Dunham, Anne Kirk, all of Baltimore, and Mrs. Charles Latrobe, Jr., of Wilmington. I should say that Ruth must have gone to boarding school, shouldn't you? With bridesmaids from so many places, however, she may have met them in war work. You never can judge anything these days by the same means as those of other times.

Joe Fox is the youngest son of the late George Fox and Mrs. Fox, who was Miss Madge Baird, of this city. He is, in fact, the youngest member of that family. His older brother, George, married Elizabeth Phillips, Rita Fox, the eldest sister, married a Mr. Bird, of New York; Fannie married Arthur Brookie; Sallie, another sister, is now Mrs. Parry, and Mary is Mrs. Downing. The family lived first in Andalusia, across from the place now occupied by Dr. Joseph McKelvey, who moved from there to Torresdale and later, after Mr. Fox's death, took a house in Chestnut Hill, where Mrs. Fox, Emily and Joe have lived since that time.

MY DEARS, keep your eyes and ears open for a very interesting engagement to be announced in about three weeks. The girl, though she does not exactly live in Philadelphia, is always seen at every party going and belongs to the set who, instead of coming out two winters ago, turned to and did fine war work in the E. A. A. She is one of the prettiest girls in town, dances beautifully and is popular with every one; "admirer by both sexes," as it were.

Well, to make it more interesting still, "the man in the case" is just as attractive in his way, too. He went to Penn. and received his commission at Plattsburg and went overseas, but has returned, and is now going to give you all a beautiful surprise. Perhaps you can guess this riddle—each one has a nickname, and said nicknames have only three letters therein, in both cases.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Chas. A. Sparks entertained for Miss Peggy Ewing, of Baltimore, who is visiting her at her Cape May cottage, at a buffet supper at the Red Mill Monday night. Among those present were Miss Helen Grady, Miss Edith Wilson, Miss Eleanor Grady, of Baltimore; Miss Catherine Cassard, Miss Dorothy Blair, Miss Whitman, Mr. Edward Cassard, Mr. George Thornton, Mr. William Davis, Mr. Nathaniel Davis, Mr. Paul Neil and Mr. Douglas Warner, of Baltimore.

Mrs. George C. Blabon, of Merion, announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Blabon Wagner, to Mr. Paul Goddard Littlefield today.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Coxe, of Williamsport, Pa., left on Monday to spend ten days at the Traymore in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Louis Rodman Page has left Cape May for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Narekian Brown, Jr., at their home in Chelsea, N. J.

Mr. Karl Erdman is the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hart.

Miss H. Pauline L. Bell has returned to Rosemont from Watch Hill, where she has been visiting Miss Mary Gleason. Miss Bell, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bell, Jr., will make her debut this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hermann Krumbhaar, Jr., and their children, of Laverock, are spending the summer in Saranac Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Groome, Jr., of Polo Lodge, Bryn Mawr, are spending a week in White Sulphur Springs, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Blight Robinson, of Germantown, spent the week-end in Cape May.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baros Townsend have returned to Montrose, their home in Radnor, after spending several weeks at Lake Placid and Narragansett Pier.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meader have

A FAMILY GROUP

Mrs. L. Carlton, of Broad and Thompson streets, has been spending the month of August at Sheephead Bay, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gherky, of 1421 Diamond street, are occupying their cottage in Ocean City, and will return through the early autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Miller, of 1525 Fontain street, will return early in September from Berwick, Pa., where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Harry John, of 1824 North Game street, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Ogden, at their summer home in Parkside, Pa., has gone to South Worthington, Mass., for the rest of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. McBride, of Euclid avenue, west of Broad street, have returned home after missing the early summer in Atlantic City.

Miss Anna Shields has gone to Cincinnati, O., for several weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wolfe, of 3302 North Fifteenth street, will leave on September 4 to pass the remainder of the season in Atlantic City. Their daughter, Miss Wolfe and Miss Margaret Wolfe, returned last week from Atlantic City after spending the early summer there.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Allen, Jr., of 3603 North Twenty-first street, will spend the week-end in Manassas, N. J. Their son, Mr. Floyd C. Allen, has been staying in Ocean City through August.

Miss Jean Ledwith, of West Ontario street, has gone to the coast of Maine for several weeks.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Katharine English, daughter of Mrs. Mary English, of North Nineteenth street, and Mr. Howard B. Steinmetz, of North Darien street, on Saturday, August 23.

Mrs. Frank Paul and her family, of North Twenty-first street, are spending the season in Atlantic City, where they are joined by Mr. Paul over the week-end.

Mrs. Albert E. Blair and Miss Florence J. Blair, of 7101 Ridge avenue, are spending the week at Wildwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Llewellyn, of 428 Green lane, have returned from a fortnight's stay in Wildwood, and have as their guest their cousin, Miss Anna Todd, of Cape May Courthouse, Mrs. Llewellyn's sister, Miss Ethel Lush, has returned from several weeks' stay in Greentown, Pa.

Miss Marie Thorne and Miss Elizabeth Thorne, who have been passing the summer in the West, are at present at Long Beach, Calif., and later will go to Pasadena.

Mr. Samuel Thornton, of Ridge and Leverington avenues, has returned home after spending some time in Atlantic City.

Sergeant Louis Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robinson, of 536 East Hermitage street, has just returned from France. He went overseas some time ago with Company B, Fifty-second Engineers. His brother, Corporal William J. Robinson, 3d, who was with the same company, returned on July 20. Sergeant Harry S. Robinson, also a brother, who was admitted with the 319th Field Hospital, arrived home on Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ott, of Ridge and Leverington avenues, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shur, of Seville street, are passing the week in Wildwood.

Miss Elizabeth W. Kelly, of Midvale avenue, and Miss Mary J. Denton, of Ridge avenue, are spending two weeks with Miss Kelly's brother, Mr. Walter C. Kelly, at his cottage in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter and Miss Marguerite Hunter, of 3595 Hanna avenue, are spending two weeks at the beach at Ocean City.

Mr. Harold Moorehead, of Laboratory street, has gone to Collegeville to represent the Baptist Young People's Union of the Falls Baptist Church at the assembly in Collegeville, Pa., from August 25 to September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Homer are on their wedding trip and on their return will be at home at 2101 West Susquehanna avenue. Mrs. Homer, before her marriage, which took place on August 18, was Miss Mary Killian, of 4805 Leiper street.

Miss Hortense Miller, of Arrott street, will spend this week-end and Labor Day as the guest of Miss E. Patterson, of New York, at her cottage in Atlantic City.

Mr. Edward Webster has returned from twenty-five months of overseas duty with the Red Cross and Friends' Reconstruction Unit in France.

Mrs. M. Mullen, of Orthodox street, is spending August in Wildwood, and



Mrs. George H. Earle, 3d, and her sons, Master George H. Earle, 4th, and Master Hubert Potter Earle.

will return to the city the latter part of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Harris and J. Earl Harris, Jr., are spending the week in Wildwood.

Miss Jessie Glenn, of Leiper street, has returned from a visit to Stroudsburg, Pa., where she was the guest of Mrs. C. Keeler.

Miss Selma Peters is entertaining Miss Gertrude Palmer, of Pittsburgh, as her guest for the week. Miss Palmer will leave on Saturday to spend the week-end at Ocean City, where she will be the guest of Mrs. L. Mershon, of Reading.

Mrs. Carl W. Eichman, Jr., of 141 Green lane, has just returned from Wildwood to join her husband, who came up from Miami, Fla. They are planning to return to Wildwood for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. L. Weiss, of 216 Green lane, and her daughter, Miss Amelia Weiss, will leave on September 1 to spend the month in Wildwood.

Mrs. Ward Smith and her daughter, Miss Alva Smith, returned to their home, 218 Green lane, early in the week after spending some time at Lake George.

Mrs. Joseph Schlottner with her son and daughter, Mr. Joseph Schlottner, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Schlottner, of 207 Green lane, are passing the month in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Charles T. Eastburn is spending some weeks in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Sarah Taylor has returned from Ocean City.

Mrs. Alice Higbee entertained at dinner Saturday evening. Covers were laid for thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Harper spent the week-end at Ocean Grove.

Mr. Carlton E. Rich has sold his property on Main street to Mr. William Roberts, who will take possession in the fall.

Sergeant William Hickox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beatty, of 107 Rochelle avenue, who recently returned from eighteen months' service in France, has gone to Norfolk, Canada, to remain three months, and will go from there to New York to accept an important position with the New York Shipbuilding Company, of which Mr. Christopher

will return to the city the latter part of next week.

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ARDMORE CHILDREN IN PLAYGROUND FETE

Series of Games, Drills and Esthetic Dances Last Formal Affair of Season

Esthetic dances, drills and games, participated in by several hundred children yesterday, wound up the 1919 season at the Ardmore playground. Young girls in costume who danced "The Rosebud Dance" furnished the chief feature of the afternoon's entertainment, which drew numerous spectators to the playground.

The actual closing of the playground will occur September 1. However, Edwin F. Lowden, township supervisor of playgrounds, will remain there each afternoon until schools open, and even after that volunteer supervisors, to be provided by the Ardmore City Association and the Main Line Children's Association, will be on hand after school hours. So the youngsters will be able to enjoy the playground for several months.

"The Rosebud Dance," with ten charming young persons as the dancers, was a particularly "home-grown" affair. The ten girls were all from the Main Line town and acquired their knowledge of modern esthetic dancing at the playground.

They wore pink crepe paper dresses made at the playground under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Lanning, who directed them yesterday. The dancers included Miss Marion Montgomery, Miss Kathryn Ryan, Miss Vivian Langley, Miss Ethel Armer, Miss Elsie Preston, Miss Genet Boris, Miss Irene Armer, Miss Margaret Montgomery, Miss Irma Langley and Miss Betty Felton.

In a flag drill, which was another feature of the entertainment, were James Barnard, Joe Miller, Clark Ebel, Herman Weir, Mary Katz, Helen Boris, Tootsie Vassallo and Agnes McLeod.

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The carnival will last eight nights, this evening, Friday and Saturday, and in addition to the safe food, cakes and other nibbles, a band will be on the ground each night to help liven things up.

Patrolmen Start Tag Campaign to Enlist Public Sympathy

New York, Aug. 28.—Members of the New York police force who have "tagged" thousands of automobiles with various money-getting apparatus in connection with war fund campaigns, began tagging yesterday in an effort to get more money for themselves.

Placards appeared on the windshields of many automobiles with the legend "Give the cop more pay." The policemen yesterday sent an appeal to city officials for a \$550 yearly increase in salary.

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Band Concerts Today Fairmont Park Band, afternoon and evening, Lemon Hill, Philadelphia Band, tonight, City Hall Plaza.

Miss Regina Hicks Photo by Otto Sarony

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SCHOOL MACHINERY READY FOR OPENING SEPTEMBER 8

Parents Urged to Enroll Children Early—Many Pupils Will Be Placed on Part Time

Wheels of the public school system are all oiled and administrative officers are scheduled to be back on the job Tuesday to set them in motion. By the time the thousands of school children sit down to their desks September 8 these same wheels will be whirling just as though there had never been such a thing as summer vacation.

Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools; the four associate superintendents, Secretary William Dick and the members of the clerical force will be on duty at the administration building, Nineteenth and Market streets, Tuesday morning. Principals with their assistants will be at their desks in the 245 schools of the city beginning Thursday morning, September 4, to accept early registrations. Parents are being urged to enroll their children early to avoid the congestion usual on the opening day.

"Everything is set," said Dr. Oliver P. Curran, associate superintendent. Today "and there isn't anything to keep 300,000 children from getting out their books for actual study September 8. While most of the mothers wait till that morning to enroll their children, we have things so systematized that it is merely a matter of taking the names. Those children who were in school last year know exactly where to go this fall. By 10 o'clock the opening morning you may enter any room, I dare say, you find classes in session as though there had been no break in the work. The first month is usually the easiest of the year, because the children are glad to get back and pay attention to school work.

6000 More to Register

"Of course, we do not expect our full enrollment in September. There are always a number of the children who remain at the shore or some summer resort until October, and there are others who continue summer work till then. Any teacher who has a busy month looking up delinquents who ought to be in school and aren't. We cannot tell exactly, but we estimate we will have the normal increase in number of pupils this year; that is, about 6000 more than last year, including both high and elementary schools.

"The supply of teachers will, I believe, be far better this fall than last. I think the graduates of the normal schools and the additional teachers who pass the fall examinations will fill all our vacancies on the regular teaching force, but there probably will be a shortage of substitutes.

"Last year, besides the 20,000 children regularly on part time, due to lack of school buildings, we had an average of 5000 on part-time attendance because of a shortage of substitute teachers. With 175 being absent each day on account of illness, we didn't have substitutes enough to supply these places last year and the regular teachers had to keep their own classes and take the students left teacherless as well. Unless there is a better supply of substitutes this year, we will again have this problem to face. The substitute's salary is not affected by the state law concerning teachers' salary increases and is entirely up to the Board of Education. It was increased last year, however, to \$3 a day, which was virtually the same as the lower-grade regular teachers."

Dr. George W. Flouder, director of examinations and eligible lists, is preparing for the fall examinations. No part dates have been set as yet, but it is believed teachers' examinations will be held in October.

During the entire first week of school the pupils will be dismissed at noon each day. The curriculum in the elementary schools will be virtually the same as last year, with only minor changes in books. Geography and history books will be brought up to date in some of the grades. Dr. George Wheeler and members of the higher schools committee hope to make the high school curriculum uniform in all high schools of the city this fall.

No new school buildings or additions to present buildings were erected during the summer, so school space remains the same as last year. John D. Cassell, superintendent of buildings, said today that the repair work ordered by the Board of Education, aggregating about \$300,000, would be completed by September 8.

Minor Repairs Made

"The work is progressing well," he said, "and some of the worst buildings are being brought into better shape. The repairs ordered are all of minor type and do not by any means bring Philadelphia schools up to ship-shape. Only those repairs absolutely essential were ordered. This department is still working on the survey of schools built before 1880 in Philadelphia, and the report will be presented some time this winter."

The Board of Education will hold its first regular fall meeting September 9. Various committee meetings will be held next week for preliminary discussions of business. Perhaps the most important of these will be the meeting of the finance committee, headed by John Wanamaker, which will decide the problem of teachers' increase. The system of increase must be worked out by the committee. The board must advance \$1,500,000 for the payment of these increases while the state is raising the cash for its part.

Since the law providing for an increase in school tax rate was passed, it is believed the increase will be called for in Philadelphia this fall in order to meet all the new expenses.

Concert in Wildwood

The second festival concert, given under the auspices of the Civic Club, will be held in the Casino Auditorium on Thursday evening. The concert is being exploited locally as "Opera Night," the soloists, most of whom are Philadelphians, are: Miss Emily Stokes Hagar, soprano; Miss Marie Stone Langston, contralto; Mr. Paul Volkman, tenor; Mr. George Emes, baritone, and Mr. August Rodemann, flutist, the latter being soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Herman Martonne, of the Philadelphia Orchestra, is concertmaster, and Mr. Gregory Kannerstein, accompanist. The program planned is as follows:

- 1. "Tannhauser" overture, Wagner
2. Introduction and Benediction from "The Huguenots"
3. "The Huguenots" from "The Huguenots"
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